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REMARKS

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1. Between 25 and 27 March 1952, [] a new Soviet fuel depot was established in the woods near Biesenthal. The construction work began in late 1951 and presumably was not completed. The depot extended about 350 x 300 meters. Three fuel tanks with a capacity of 10 to 15 cubic meters each were noticed in the southern part of the installation. However, at least eight fuel tanks were unloaded in January 1952. The Biesenthal Bahnhofshotel and several adjoining houses and garages were requisitioned. Three low wooden buildings in the depot were partly lighted after nightfall.

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2. In early April, [] along the Joachimsthal-Friedrichswalde railroad line opposite Forest Section 31, construction work which indicated the establishment of an ammunition depot or of another supply installation. An area 25 x 80 meters was enclosed by retaining walls, which at that time were about 2 meters high. This enclosed area was in the middle of the fire protection strip which is between the railroad line and the road. Deep excavation work was under way inside these walls. About 20 squares, 50 x 50 meters, arranged in a checkered formation, were cleared in the 80-year-old forest. Construction material was hauled to two of these squares. The cleared areas were connected by paths 10 meters wide and between 50 to 70 meters apart. Two low wooden houses were built as guard rooms north and south of the project. The area was guarded by non-residential civilians.

3. In mid-April 1952, a new fuel dump of the Soviet Army was being built near the Mixdorf railroad station. The dump, which is built by a special construction bureau, is in a woods about 300 meters northwest of the railroad station. A previously selected location had not been accepted by the Soviet Army as the dump would have been too close to the railroad line. Persons in charge of the project stated that an underground fuel dump was to be constructed with a capacity of 1,000 cubic meters. Underground fuel containers from numerous filling stations which had shut down in and around Frankfurt/Oder were to be installed in the new project.

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- * Comment. The construction of these new supply installations has repeatedly been reported []. It appears that the fuel depot in Biesenthal will be completed soon. There is the possibility that, after the new depot starts operating, the fuel depot of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in the former Schering factory in Eberswalde-Eisenspalterei will be closed as its aboveground fuel containers are too

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exposed. The purpose of the installation under construction along the Joachimsthal-Friedrichswalde railroad line north of Uberswalde cannot yet be determined. Information on the planned construction of a fuel depot near the Lindorf railroad station was first obtained [redacted] three months ago.

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